

REPORT OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY

On behalf of the Gilman Library staff and the Gilman Library Trustees I wish to thank you for your patronage and generosity throughout the year 2009. Special thanks go to those of you who have supported our library through volunteer service or through participating in various fund raising events. We truly appreciate your consideration and willingness to help us to provide the best possible service to our community. Please continue to find the time in your busy schedule to visit us during the year 2010.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Library Materials Circulated – 38,572 (12% increase in circulation)
In-Library Usage (excluding internet) – 4,382 (63% increase material usage in lib)
Internet Usage (patron only) – 4,873 (16% increase in internet access)
Patron Card Holders – 3,566
Library Collection – 22,523
Meeting Room Usage – Meetings & Programs – 289
Meeting & Program Attendance – Approx. -1,364

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Story Time
Summer Reading Program - “Summertime and the Reading Is Easy”
Alton Book Chat

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 2, 2009 – Winter Tea Party – hosted by the Friends of the Gilman Library
July 14, 2009 – Friendship Bench Dedication – presented by Jeannie Ferber
July 17, 2009 – Placement of Bench of Friendship – hosted by Katrina Lindland & Jeannie Ferber
December 17, 2009 – Bench of Friendship Celebration – Jeannie Ferber

The Gilman Library has the honor of being selected as the primary home of the “Bench of Friendship”. This wonderful treasure is a gift from the people of Russia to the people of America as a symbol of friendship. It was presented to the Lakes Region as an expression of gratitude for the work of “Access to Ideas”, an organization formed to help open libraries in small Russian villages and to provide books for them. All are welcome to visit the Bench of Friendship here at the library during the fall, winter and spring. The bench will be located on the town docks in Wolfeboro during the summer tourist season.

The purpose of the Gilman Library is to enrich the quality of life through nurturing the joy of reading and lifelong learning by addressing the informational, educational and



GILMAN LIBRARY
Alton, New Hampshire

Hours

Tues. 11A.M. – 7P.M.
Wed. 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Thur. 11A.M. – 7P.M.
Fri. 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Sat. 9A.M. – 1P.M.

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recreational needs of the community. Through the year 2010 we will continue to “make the Gilman Library the best it can be” and will remain eternally grateful for the support of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Brown, Library Director

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